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28 letters (13 autograph, 15 either wholly
or mainly typed) from S. Weir Mitchell to
W. Osler, 24 Dec., 1902, to 14 Aug., 1913.

A number of the letters refer to Mitchell's
studies on Harvey (cf. no. 788).

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Letters 43-4 in arrival
1904, numbered
-
April 1954 to
C. P. Hulse, W.S.

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

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Dec -

1902

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My dear sister -

I believe I have
to send you
double thanks -
for old Ramsay
& for the delightful
treasure box
of song - I brought
it - gone away
two copies -
could not then

Wes mās anwāk

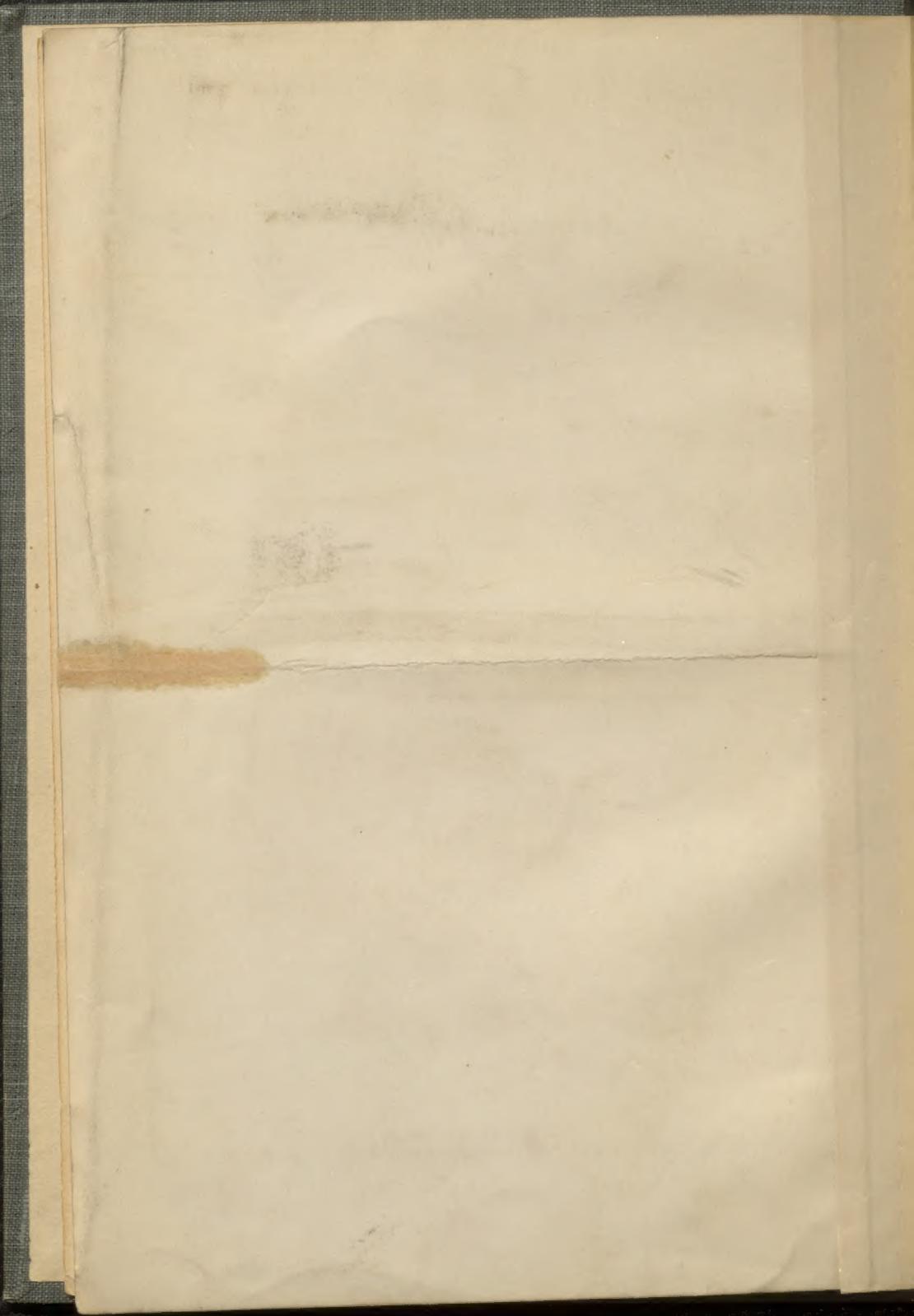
Wen mitchell

Wm. G. Green

get one for myself -

I have a score
of things to say
I am too busy -
to linger over a
letter -

I have only time
to say how truly
I desire for you &
yours all that
of good 1863
trades in his
closed hands -



Nov. 10th

1903

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

No. 6

Many thanks for
the address which
interested me as
does whatever you
write - This gift of
being interesting
is - just the - a gift
I read from you
a pleasant letter
but no indication
of where to direct
a reply - or rather

Winnipeg

Many birds
water and shrubs
green cover
soil
water

an anti-slavery man -

I have refused to
discourse at the con-
vention at New Haven

- waiting at New Haven
would be foolish -

I have never been
so angry as to day -

and yet to have

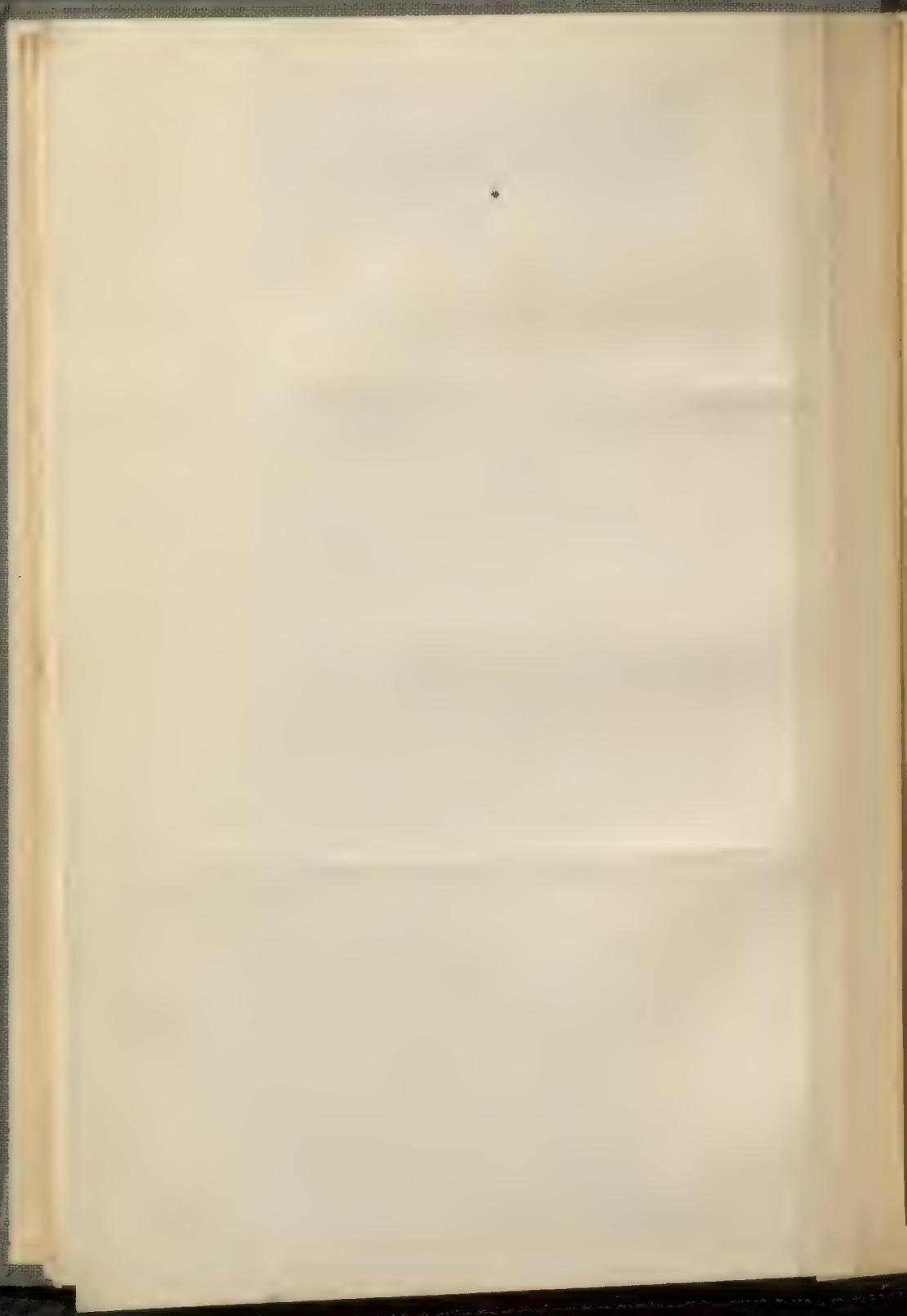
the power to speak at
New Haven

I am never well
enough now + better than

since our fatal

year - "I am not

now in a condition



Received

14 1/2
1903

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

Ms. A. 1. 11. 6

My Dear Asher -

I have you with
you in my cause.
out of his way
was at a stand - It
must be very clear -
in the crowd
that - - if you are
to be home over
night this Friday
it will be - - -
I am sorry had an

Gravel & Gravel
in green & "

interested in writing
but I was frightened.
So sometimes a poet
lives a secret life of
hiding. I found
myself in a similar
position the first tenth
of this essay on
self-murder. The
crime without puni-
able remorse. I
dreaded, I said -

Blasphemy. For the
smaller of the two
Reverend Doctors

Dec. 1. 1903

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

Dear Asher. I am
having just now
of a child to claim
the privilege of a
few words -
Since the lack of
aromatics which is
I suppose equal to
the damn'd dog Latin
of Barney - our which
I am in one train
yours & S. with
compliments on his
lecture names would

of Remmings -

Her quotation is on p. 23 -

I should like to have
transcribed (see book)
from the German Pe-
trol - Salt - incense into
the day after - not
the evil - but the
Cares of the day -

The good word above
goes to me - &
reminds me like
you in one of your
I - please myself
with up - pleasure of
the day that breaks
upon our homes &

verses with glibness -
Burd and dross repeated
over it - I have
done in his day
had more to say -

John & Charles -
I have Beaumont's
sketches over again
somewhere -

Dear little Jessie.

My dear friend

Wm. Mitchell

Wm. Mitchell

take the water of the marsh
immediately learned
See P. 7. for the puzzle
Salmon Testes 17.25.
which in cattle has also
no wire "wadda like a
gaffion" There is scarce a
place without its problems
I have in my notes -

to be ad interim -
and I say I have to
start upon for
the animal which I
little more than half of
the world knows
but so much for
the birds and deer
or rather the first
part the last - I find
as the saying goes full

Dec. 23 1904

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Dec.

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

Dear Aler - My
aggravation is bad.
I am disturbed when
I think of what the
general profession
will lose in the way
of high minded
example when you
leave us - Some
of these addresses
I have read - I
promise myself an

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I have been writing letters all the
time, and as of myself and friends in
part - my writing - cracking
ridiculous - un - names - when on -
a good road with your word
on me or not, and - also! when
men are - unless by some
deliberation - which is good -
but as - or - as we were thinking

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agreeable hour over
there as yet unreal.
I lack courage to put
mine together - one
of them you may
soon hear -
I had a talk with
the Bibliophiles
here last night -
about books with a
history - a little amaz-
ing it was -
My most affectionate
greetings to you &
yours in the kindest

Dick & Anna & sonnen

W. W. Alderman - 1900 - 1901
and 1902

Sum

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

March

and

1906 -

Dear sister -

There is in Oxford -
- at Merton i a
letter of Sir Henry of
Gloucester to
the Bishop of Lincoln.
He is name at my
case a paragraph from
copy of exactly the
size of the original.
See according to my
Power for it.
I have had his

Can a man be older
than he and working?
It is very curious -

Varro Power says the
will & Codicil are
not dated; but a
man, at the close
lives date the
codicil - all this
with instruction -

There is room for an
easy on the Seaman
orations - The older
ones might be inter-

many more
warning when I
located them up
at the C. also P.
they had no voice

was asked if you

March 2.. 06

John will have few works
in his own hand
a considerable portion
of which is a clear,
bold, & somewhat
uncertain - copy.
With the front of some
refined clear - all
in the same hand.
Simple, easy to read
as print. I counted
from it in wonder to
see it written & brought
of 1616 in the matter -
as in a labor letter -
(writing). - Larger & more
or wrote on this even
one matter & very

word'd. Brown house only a
(First Standard.)

word of thanks above the yr.
Spotsylvania 1524 Walnut Street ^{Wm} Wm
Philadelphia ^{Wm} Wm Mitchell

Yours ever Wm

Wm. Wm. Mitchell

Dear Academical
and Social year - the
year is now come when
I must go out - and this at
the time when I expect to come
in from the mountains of
the great Western range of
the Rocky mountains -
and when I expect to come
in from the mountains of
the Rocky mountains -

Carrying on
as well on this as
on water a very

Mr. W. D. C. is a man
of the "Plains" - and
is, in addition to
his fine horses
and traps, --
and this has
cost, \$10,000.00
Carried him with a
reindeer hunting party
of 800000 -
one horse in one
hundred & one. \$10,000.00
\$10,000.00
\$10,000.00

Send it soon -
yrs very sincerely

from persons and organizations and
from the standard business organizations. It
is an arrangement that has been arranged
to keep the standard teams in
the same place on the coast. In many ways
it is a great convenience to the members
of the club, and it is a great convenience
to the public who come down here in large
numbers to see the teams. It is a great
convenience to the members of the club
to have the teams in one place.

an excellent place for our
own members to work.

Jan 4 1909

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

Friends. Please ~~not~~ mail
coupled. Come over. 11.

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Philadelphia - 69

Dear Asa -

My Harcourt pa-
per will be in
print & be around
at the Associa-
tion - I happen
got up. Postscript
isn't to add on
an appendix -
Send it soon -
Yrs very Mitchell

Jan 4 1909

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

Dear Arthur

Thank you for
the beautiful
book - diploma
of W. H. I laid it
for a night on
front of Lenners
Linen Strand then

was unable to pay -

as you well know
even years of anxiety
over, - we shall be

I am asking you
now when we are to have you
in our "new" home
I am in our old & in
our new home

W. and I am having some
time with some of our
old friends. We

I am asking you to give

to

you

I have had a
number of messa
ges from G.R.S.
of graduation on
the 5. R.S. I wrote
to some of my
friends on the right
merely that our
new family etc
would be held
nominal gathering.
So I return my
diploma for correction

even years of waiting
over. - We shall be

my 1909 or 1910
arrivals in London

Region - - - - -
- - - - -

Win. with chy

in way

1901

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Philadelphia

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Dear sister - we do
interchanges pamph-
lets that I even forgot
bring out or received.
You may fill up a blank
cheque of \$1000.00 as
sums come in
from me - the college
is quiet now & very
noble with its great
rooms & quiet. Every
one is pleased & my
seven years of quiet
for ever. We shall ever

There is an unopened bottle on my desk
from Mr. Holden, of the Senate, with a card
to see him - So we may have a good
view of the college now from Washington.
—

With all good & warm greetings
for all of your names & an
ups - tiring — — Well intell —

Mr. Allen says - want - 13

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

My dear sister —
Thank you for Brown's
to Japan. — I send you
a book "Viva Mexico"
with — humor —, true
music needed.
found an interesting
despatch — otherwise it
is inaccurate &
then devil ~~was~~ ~~was~~ May-
neath loses air.

any mind —
Thanks for your inform
ation concerning the R.S.
of Liberia. — It seems it was

Yours are on being commenced - It may be
a waste of time if you might not very
much prefer writing me on
your own -

Wrote a long letter to you on the 20th
of last evening, giving you the account
of my visit to the Prince of Wales -
and the 21st - I will add a second
letter to you on the 22d - I shall
have to leave you soon - and
will be back - I will send you
a copy of the letter to the Prince of Wales
as soon as possible -

Yours - W. M. Mitchell
Bath - 1910

The first cycl. Bill - no
Brog. Bill is much with
bits of Slavery & some ex-
asperating come - references -
Harrup's brokerage ought to
be traceable back of his
father - one of the Ellingtons
I am. on another people -
married a Slavery of Ruth
not Mrs. people but on
Ellington married a Walker
Harrup - various people -
there is still despite
D'Arcy Power board a life
& terms of Slavery to be
written -
Philips open the W. Ba a
hospital for tubercle
G; £10,000 a year to be
11 - & some ^{£10,000} - about
£60,000 to endow Med
col research - I see

2. born about 1819 & began
collected more numbers -
They have sent me a half
dozen very interesting re-
prints & we are to have at
the Col. Libr. - 2. for a lecture
on 11th - 12th public - on
great mis - I read off
with Slavery - It set me to
coating off original
uniforms &c &c &c - I have
spent time over many great
books all to be found in
the Phil. Libr. - are always
among a collection
Woods Garrison Peck
I consider also Garrison
not much about Slavery
but a despicable gossip
for an evil influence -
try it

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

January 11, 1916.

My dear Coler:

I enclose a curious 'find' concerning J. Harvey. Although Head hinted at death by suicide, in Scarborough (see Aubrey) says that Harvey seems to have prepared for it, I do not believe it; but I found yesterday in a note the statement I send. Naturally it has been overlooked, for it requires courage to tackle the huge volumes of those old county histories. We have not here Morant's Essex (vol. II, p. 580). It may be well to look at it.

I still think it might be worth while to write "The Life and Times of Harvey." I cannot find the reference to Head's story of Harvey's death. T

saw it somewhere.

That Bacon, Harvey's patient, in all his nine volumes says not a word of Harvey or his discovery seems to me ~~most~~ amazing.

The most odd of all my 'finds' in regard to Harvey proved to be in the end of no moment--a mistake-- owing to the incorrectness of one of these county historians. In Salmon's history of Essex there is an account of the Harveys, with nothing new except that in a note he quotes Aubrey as authority for the story of Harvey's life having been saved by a dream. The story is too long to report in a letter, but quite worth your while looking up.

After searching Aubrey's volume of Miscellanies, the edition of 1774 and page 24, I found what I was looking for; but it was not Harvey who was saved by a

dream, but Huney, of whom you know something. Was there ever a queerer blunder? To be certain I would like to look at the edition of Aubrey of 1781, which is flat which Salmon quotes, and which I have not.

This ends my Harvey matters. I had written the largest part of the letter, but had so many corrections that I have asked my secretary to typewrite it, to save your aged eyes.

We are in the midst of a tremendous snow storm, the second of the winter, and everybody is saying that it is an old-fashioned specimen of winter weather.

Vale, thus ex anima,

We're melancholy

Dr. William Cramer.

I have now examined - all the
possible names of "Gymnopisces" - all the
names are of the day - are very trivial

as yet. I have now chosen

the name Pyrrhula for the species

as it is the name of the
birds

of the same genus as the

Pyrrhula

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

February 8, 1910.

My dear Osler:

All that business about the Harvey letters sticks in my head a little and seems to me to be incredibly stupid. The reports of the Commissioners are always sent to the Philadelphia Library by the British Government and have been for many years, so that if they come out, if I am alive, I shall see them.

There is another source of material about Harvey quite neglected, in regard to which there must be a good deal of manuscript material in the records of the Courts; that is, his long law suit with the heirs of Lord Lumley.

I am beginning to think that I send you too long letters, but the cacoethes scribendi is a malady most incident to age,

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and so you will have to put up with me.

I think I wrote you that I had found since then Morant's Essex, and now I see that a descendant of Harvey's brother, Viscount Maidstone, is going to marry a Philadelphia girl. I wonder whether there are any Harvey matters still in possession of Lord Maidstone's family.

Very truly yours,

S. Heris Hatchell
A.T.

Prof. Wm. Osler, M.D.

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

December 6, 1910.

My dear Osler:

I forgot in writing to you the other day to say that I am having one or two matters about Harvey looked up by my London agents through John S. Billings. I want to know at once from you what you can tell me about those letters you mentioned, which are to appear in the next volume of the Record Office and not to be seen for two years. I mean to make an effort through the American Ambassador to see if I cannot break through this ridiculous situation and obtain copies of these letters. Now tell me just about what they are, why they cannot be seen, and to whom application must be made; then I will write to Whitelaw Reid and

threaten a war with Great Britain in case they are not immediately forthcoming.

Alas, Great Britain! I think we do not sufficiently value the fact that we live in a country with a constitution which cannot be upset by a single act of the Lower House of Congress. Now, you are really on the brink of what seems to be a political revolution. All who love England feel sorry the shillelagh has become so potent in the politics of Great Britain.

Yours very truly,

J. H. Mitchell.

William Osler, M.D.

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

January 3, 1911.

My dear Osler:

I have been expecting to hear from you, but this is not a reminder of failure to reply, but a simple New Year greeting to a friend.

The new year has opened sadly for us with the recent news of the death of Fannie Leigh, the wife of the Dean of Hereford, whom I dare say you know. She has been a friend since childhood and a relation by marriage. Whenever you are in the way of seeing Fannie Leigh's daughter, now Lady Butler, do not fail to profit by the chance. This young woman is very dear to us, and her husband is a typical specimen of the best Irish gentleman.

As for news here, you may have heard or not that I have resigned my Trusteeship at the University, after thirty-five years' service. There is the usual constant hot water in the Faculty, and I believe this is the case wherever doctors are associated together in teaching positions. What causes it?

Harrison also goes out, and the new Provost comes in with a little doubt in my mind as to his fitness all around, and a great deal of regret that the most splendid chemical career of the day in America is going to be, in fact must be, cut short.

Reichert is doing another wonderful piece of work, ^{an} what he calls the "starch crystals"; that is to say, starch grains.

I believe that Woodward, of the Carnegie,

thinks it even more interesting than his work on the "Blood crystals", which he will take up again as soon as the present research is over.

Getting out of the University relieves me from committees. In fact, I have said to my wife, if I died, she must put over my grave, "committed to the grave", since it seems to me I do nothing else except attend committees.

I suppose I have a thousand things to say to you, but they escape me in this process of dictation. I have finished a novel which has been on my desk more or less for three years. As usual there is a medical sketch, that of a paranoiac. Also, I have been thinking of writing sermons, and I put forth my

claim ~~to~~

title, "Sermons from the Jew", which is all

I have done as yet. I think the pew has something to say to the pulpit, and a pro-
pos of this (why have we no English for a propos?) thank you for your sermon.

There are many more things I would say, which must (as my Scotch ancestors would have said) bide a wee.

Give my affectionate regards to Mrs. Osler, and rest assured that you have my best wishes for the year and the years to come. Some day I must make acquaintance with your boy. If you see Sir. Wm. Markby, say a kind word for me, and to any other Oxford friends.

I am sorry Anne Thomson has left Oxford. I felt more easy about her while she was under your wing.

Yours very truly,

Dr. Wm. Osler. Wm. Osler

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1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

January 28, 1911.

My dear Osler:

I am indeed grateful for these interesting letters, which but for your obstinacy and my own would not have seen the light of day for some years to come.

I shall be careful to comply with the conditions.

In the meanwhile, my dear friend, I thank you very much for your own share in procuring these interesting documents.

Very truly yours,

Wm Osler

William Osler, M.D.

I wonder if the
People of Wimberley
may not be over-
flowing Mr. S. —
is often import-
ted and sold in
Wimberley —
and Wimberley —

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1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

February 6, 1911.

My dear Osler:

You may think me a perfect nuisance with my letters, but when I am on the track of some little bit of literary investigation, I have the eagerness of a hound on a warm scent.

The letters I am allowed to use by the Manuscript Commission are of singular interest and are curious revelations of character. I shall print them some time before very long, with some ~~of the~~ other fresh material about Harvey.

There is one thing I have been trying to run down and cannot. Dr. Mead is credited with the statement that Harvey poisoned himself. I cannot find the reference to this in anything that Mead

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has written, nor in D'Arcy Power's Life, nor in that of Willis. It has become interesting since my discovery of a note in one of the County Histories, in which a descendant of Harvey describes his having taken poison when he discovered that he had become blind. How this could have been invented without the aid of a newspaper reporter, I do not see; otherwise, as you know, Aubrey is the only witness as to the mode of Harvey's death.

With one thing and another we have had a busy winter. I shall talk Harvey on the first of April (his birthday) to the Harvey Society of New York, and hope before that time to have a little trip

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Philadelphia

to Cuba with Sir William VanHorn.

With my constant and most affectionate
regards to Mrs. Osler, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Wm Osler

William Osler, M.D.

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

March 21, 1911.

My dear Osler:

By this time you have concluded that the curse of a corresponding friend has come upon you; but this cannot be helped. Do not forget about Sir Vere Isham. I much want the whole of that letter of the Bishop's.

Now, a question you can answer easily, Harvey was a lesser pensioner at Caius College, Cambridge. Please tell me what was the difference between a lesser pensioner and a greater pensioner. This will decide the question as to whether Harvey's father was sending his son there with some difficulty or not. Always the question of where the Harvey money came from remains for me a puzzle.

I am afraid I have worn out the patience of D'Arcy Power by my queries about Harvey, but it cannot be helped. I am now pretty well done with him, or shall be after I deliver my lecture to the Harvey Society on April 1st, in New York.

It is rather an amazing thing to me that the greatest of English physicians should be the one great Englishman about whom no great biography has yet been written. If I were in your place, I would undertake it. Whether D'Arcy Power ever will or not, I do not know. He has all I could give him.

Very truly yours,

Wm Osler

William Osler, M.D.

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

April 5, 1911.

My dear Osler:

I send you a copy of a note which I wrote you during January. I suppose, I have the American impatience of slowness of action added perhaps to the impatience of age. I should like to know if you have heard anything of the matter here mentioned; or whether it has failed entirely, or whether I must attack this gentleman from some other direction.

I am now putting together all that is novel about Harvey which I have found in the last year, including the interesting letters I obtained through your kindness. Their dates are somewhat puzzling.

I have also of late written to the Earl of Winchilsea through our Ambassador,

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to ask whether his family have in their possession any relics or letters of Harvey which may have come down through his maternal ancestor ~~through~~ Daniel Harvey's daughter.

I remember that you told me you were going away for two or three months, but presume you may have sent my letter before you left, and may have had a reply. I do not like to trouble you, but nobody hesitates to trouble me and I may as well pass it on.

Yours very truly,

Weir Mitchell

William Osler, M.D.

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

April 17, 1911.

My dear Osler:

Thanks for your little note, and I hope we may get something out of Winchilsea. I must see that letter of Bishop Dupper's. I shall wait to bring out my rather disconnected article concerning Harvey until I hear from these two possible sources of information.

Will you look over for me a book, the name of which I enclose. It is a pamphlet of seventy pages, and is not in any of the libraries in America. It must be in the Bodleian, and please to amuse yourself by running over it for me and telling me if there is anything in it at all about Harvey. It is a horrid thing to lack the service of a perfect library.

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

May 24, 1911.

My dear Osler:

I send you the "Evening Post" because it has so full an account of the wonderful library in New York, and also a little booklet which they gave me at the opening yesterday.

I begin to despair about our untraceable Sir Vere Isham. It seems to me nothing but a wireless telegram could reach him. I hate to bother you so, but please to go on. In the fall I shall have ready a little booklet of rather disconnected matter about Harvey. I have a clear mind now as to the man and his character, which was greatly assisted by those splendid letters you got for me.

I have written to the French Academy, through Prof. Dejerine, asking them to consider reprinting in autotype facsimile the "Christianismi Restitutio" of Servetus. If you know, as you must, any of the more important men there, I wish you would write them about it.

I also send by this mail a copy of my new book, "John Sherlock, Ironmaster."

Yours always,
I decline to forward it.

William Osler, M.D.

Engl.

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1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

My Dear Sister -
I read your little
book last night
and again - and it
comes again - I am
glad to have it
capped the ordeal
of another saying
as you well know
feel. So do I believe,
feels when we un-
-believe - as I am
now very fond of
marriage -

you consider
the other will,
against all the
ways, waste in
dear her mind
and mind all the
any more she can
her more assuring
material.

How does this ad-
dress itself to you.

Can reach the
position C. L. M.
expresses in the
letter I in class.

Her voice became
again -

I often in ambi-
tious of getting
place books -

you always

Weir will still

Mr. Garrison

soon to see the real
feast on - this is what
I have. I have a
self-grown balcony
of this wood -
wooden as it is which I
have never had
the courage to put
out paper - it has
brought me to sleep
at night spiritually -
I indeed, seeing
how misery is ma-
n's true life
had to go from
ignorance to the
civilised - writing.

1524 Walnut Street
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December 22, 1911.

My dear Osler:

Thank you very much for your long letter and for the trouble you took about the pictures, which I herewith dismiss from mind.

My Harvey is not a lecture, but a collection of disconnected articles about that great man, some of which will be new even to you; and of course I reprinted all the letters obtained from the family of Lord Denbigh.

Thank you very much for the promised photograph of the Harvey at University College. I have been having correspondence about the Harvey Arms, some of it rather late for use. In the course of a month I shall send you several copies of

moment did not recognize her.

Yours always,

Wm Osler

Sir William Osler, M.D.

my paper, and you may use them as you think best. I await with the impatience which belongs to my years for the other volume of Harvey Notes, and am perfectly conscious that the present notes have not been sufficiently studied; there is a world of interest in them.

Thanks for the Laennec. I have just received a four-page letter of Koch, which I shall have framed as soon as I can get a competent photograph. We have had a great many gifts to the College. The last one is a lot next door (where a stable stood). It has now been made over to the College free of charge, being really a gift of \$45,000.

I had a pleasant surprise meeting Lady Osler on Chestnut Street. I did not know she was in the country, and for the

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March 26, 1912.

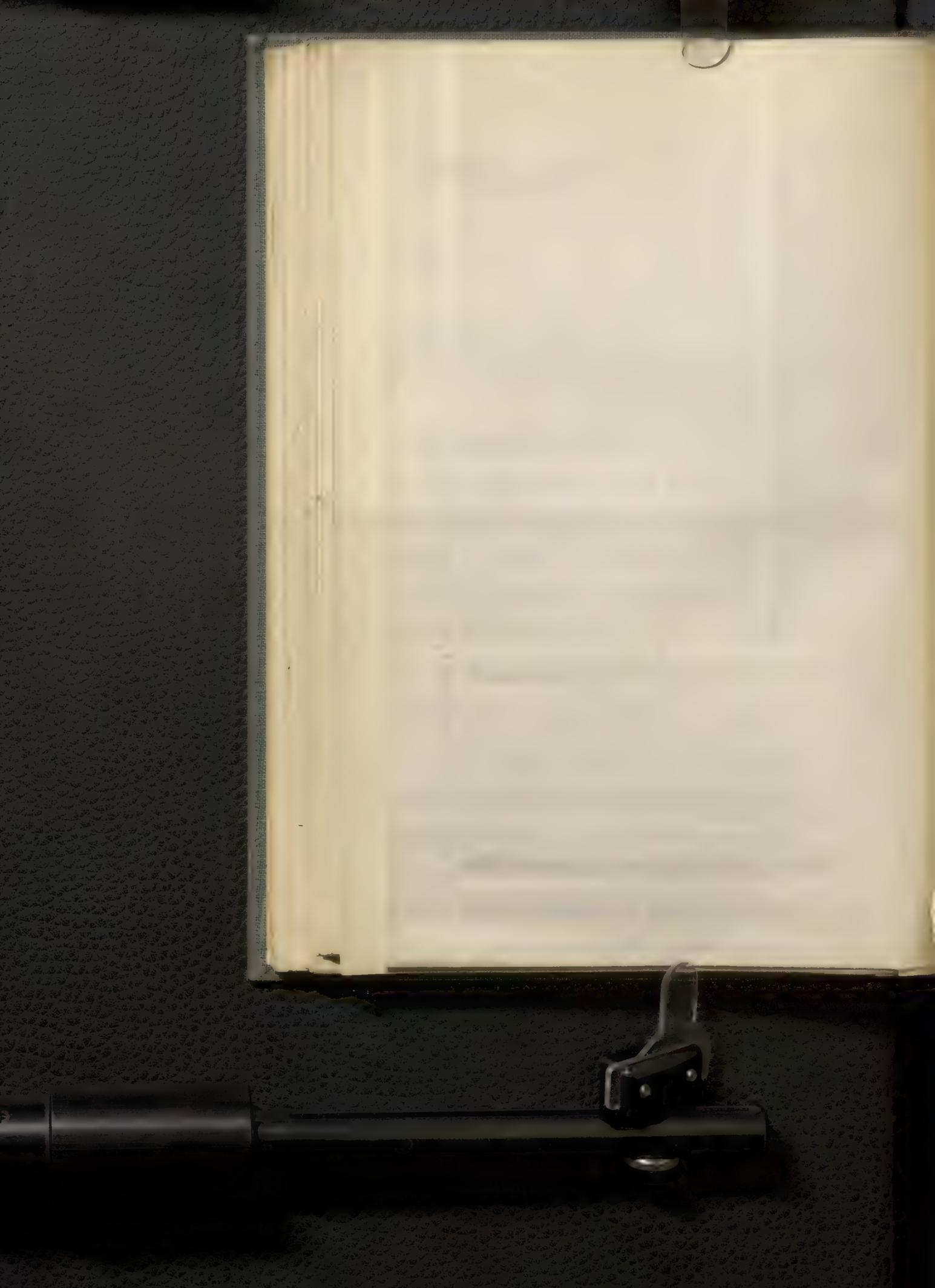
My dear Osler:

I have just received your letter, and as I have nothing immediate on hand I reply and thank you in advance.

I sent you two copies of the "Harvey", and now send a copy to the Radcliffe College Library and the British Museum Library. I have distributed them pretty freely to friends in London. Also, I had printed enough copies for each Fellow to get one, as a part of our Proceedings; and I sent them to the various descendants of the Harvey family, like Lord Winchilsea and Heneage Finch. If you think of anybody else who ought to have a copy, I will send copies.

I am more than pleased with the reception of this little piece of work, and have a very enthusiastic letter from Adami with regard to it. Indeed, it is quite wonderful that I should have been left to discover so much about Harvey as is reported in my two papers and seems to have been ignored or not known by English doctors.

Dr. Elwyn, the father of my first wife, said that his own family (Kentish people) had intermarried with two sets of Harveys, and that one of them was descended from William Harvey's uncle. This could be decided, I think, if one were in England for a while. Much I could



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have known is closed to me by the fact that I am not in
your distracted land.

I am most thankful for what you tell me about your ~~Dear~~
~~dear son~~ and his brief illness. It is curious that in Bermuda,
from whence I have just returned, there was practically
no pneumonia until the New York convalescents from that
disease began to come there twenty years ago, since which
it has become common.

Finally, I think, I ought to have that "Epistle to
Riolanus". I have long been on the look out for it.
I have just discovered at the College what I had given
up for lost -- a long consultation letter by Rush in the
case of the mother of Washington, who was dying of cancer.

Yours very truly,

Wm Osler

Sir William Osler, M.D.

28 June 1912

after May 12
Bar Harbor **CASCAPEDIA CLUB,**
GRAND CASCAPEDIA,
QUEBEC,
CANADA.

Tell your son that
I killed a 45 pound
Salmon last week,
2. two days before
three - 40, 39, 29. This
of less importance
is it that you are
a Bant. What is that
to me - for whom
you are long ago
so high in the
peerage of friend-
ship - becoming number
one! I can't count
among the survivors -

interested in the romance of Agnes

and - we are still now. During this -
I am writing you the present letter
in my room at the W. C. and had
planned to go on away well, but however
I did not sleep at all on any
of the many evenings for some time
in living - room. We are making progress
however - I have never written
to you at your old place - I hope
you - could I have an hour or two
off to write him to - I am not
sure - well - I good bye - dear friend -

I wrote to you
to ask you in the
fall my paper on
Harvey will be ready, ^{for}
but for this year, ^{"12}
from what I read. When
Chesca writes that he
was no Harvey writer -
and now I am
after the lineage
of Lincoln Boston on the
Heal -

How suppt?
I... I... I... pleased ^{the}
that or a one can
write a great life of
Harvey without down
reference to me - In
a surviving to be
sure

be interested in the romance of Agnes

for only four
Linn has terribly dealt
with what splendid
penage. Lowell, Holmes &
Alex. Agassiz, Browne
and East Thoreau
and Aldrich, & I am
the last of some
children, & am a Sister
therefore please to
take care of the men
I care for.

Did you get my new
book? You will like it
but it is for the man only
to be read slowly
for the bits about men
Dr^m Sir Wm Graham
in a supp a letter I

Bar Harbor, Maine.

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My dear Osler:-

I send you what will, I am sure, interest you for two or three reasons. In the first place, because it is an American memoir in which the family history is not traced back to William, the Conqueror, or anybody in ~~that~~ ¹⁰⁶⁶ ~~period~~. It is quite as comfortable to be ascendants as descendants; and there is some psychological matter in this little paper which I think you will consider as worth attention. Mrs. Osler - I beg your pardon, Lady Osler - will I am sure be interested in the romance of Agnes

for a very good —
time. But terribly dull.
See what a splendid

cal. papers or the kind you and I like to write, which are of the life of the profession's great men, but I have been and shall be absorbed this summer in a novel I began last year in order to fill up my vacant hours, for indeed I wonder what people do with their time in a resort like this. I do not play bridge. I walk in the afternoons alone or, what I like better, with some pleasant young woman, but the long hours of the morning must find occupation. I probably shall be this year and next year before I finish the book, which concerns the time of Buchanan's administration and the war. No one has sufficiently put on paper the home influences, the changes in families which that period brought on, or the extreme bitterness of party.

Bar Harbor, Maine.

how soon you consider a catalogue here, people in England have had the first shot at it and, as for me, I scarcely ever succeed in getting what I want. Had I been in London, I would have had it and you would have had it. Perhaps you got it. I hope so.

I think you are going to consider seriously,
in the light of my misfortune about the Harvey papers, giving us that letter about Harvey which we lack to make our own splendid collection complete. If I had you at dinner with a little good Madeira, I think I could soften your bibliographical heart..

I have had a dozen schemes in mind about medi-

four & only from —
I wish he has terribly dealt
with what splendid..

Penn and you in the enormous number of
doctors my family has produced. I print-
ed but fifty copies of this and do not pro-
pose that it should get into outside hands.

I had another disappointment
in London the other day when a page of
Burns' accounts as a guager had on the
back a long letter written by my great grand-
father praising his work. I bid thirty-
five pounds on this, an absurd price. Then
my agent learned that the bids on the other
side were practically limitless. I had
a similar annoyance when I tried to buy
for you the travels of John Brown, the son
of our beloved doctor knight. I meant to
give it to you but, as usual, no matter

Bar Harbor, Maine.

I have been also interested in securing commemoration by bronze tablets on the field of Gettysburg at all the points where field hospitals were placed or where ~~doctors~~ were killed and wounded. Thirteen suffered in that great battle and how many confederates, I do not know. Eighty remained with their wounded and finally were sent back with benedictions across the lines to their rebel states. All this will interest you, and I do not remember ever having spent a more wonderful two days than I spent at Gettysburg with Charles Francis Adams, fifty years

give it to you but, as usual, no matter

was, I am sure, happier on a salmon river where we killed
fish of a size to make your young man envy.

Pray assure Lady Osler of my undiminished
affection and, with remembrances from Mrs. Mitchell, be-
lieve me,

Always sincerely yours,

W. R. M. M.

July twenty-second, 1912.

from the time when he commanded a troop on this field where my brother was with John Reynolds when he was killed, while I was within a few hours at Westminster, until I was turned back with a carload of wounded. Mr. Baer of the Reading Road was also a Lieutenant in the army and we had a last survivor of the great cavalry leaders, General Wilson. Besides that, my brother-in-law, Cadwalader, ~~who~~ helped to fuse the parties socially and we had two days which could only have been more satisfactory if I had had you with me.

I suppose I ought to have gone ~~off~~ over to the Royal Society Meeting, but I hesitate about going far from home and

give it to you but, as usual, no matter

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November 7, 1912.

Dear Osler:

I find on my table this morning the Eighth Edition of your "Principles and Practice of Medicine". It has come just in time. I usually keep one or two "Principles and Practice of Medicine" for immediate reference.

I am very happy this morning in the disastrous defeat of Roosevelt, whom I dislike personally, politically, and in every other way. I think we shall do well to have a trial of the Democratic Party, since the great Republican Party with its many achievements is suffering from senile degeneration. Enough of that!

I see there is for sale in Boston a portrait of Harvey said to be by Janssen. I suspect it to be the one about which you wrote to me and which you decided was probably a fake. They now want \$1800 for it, which would be cheap and makes one the more suspect that it is not the real thing.

I had a letter from Major-General Sir Francis Lloyd the other day, thanking me for a copy of my last Harvey memoir. He tells me that he has one very fine portrait of Harvey by Dobson at Rolls court, and as soon as he gets back from a voyage taken for his health, he will have a photograph made of it and sent to me. He speaks of some Harvey things in his house, and begs me to come and look at them and stay with him. I



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think somehow if you could replace me, it would be a good business. He may have things there of value. He represents the eldest daughter of Sir Eliab Harvey, who was the last of the male line, but he could not tell me who were the descendants of the great Harvey's uncle in Kent. I could trace them if I only were in England. It is an abominable thing that we are not twins. *In fact I should like to be numerous,*

I think I sent you some time ago a little "family history", and if you have time to read it with Mrs. Osler, *also* I should like to know; or rather, to be more modest, I should like to know you got it. I have a dim recollection that you have said so, but that is only founded upon knowledge of your good manners.

I am, with as much love as you dare carry to
Lady Osler,

also Yours always,

Sir William Osler, M.D.

Bar Harbor, Maine.

Aug 14 1913

Bar Harbor, Maine.

Dear Osler:-

I have an intense dissatisfaction to lose touch of friends like you and London Brooks, of whom I have heard nothing for a long while.

I should like to have been at that great Congress, although I have very ^a misgivings in the utility of these international collections of doctors. The contacts with the north while are brief and unsatisfactory. What they have to tell you is a good matter told in the form of lecture-articles. I have no other critical distrust of Osler's ideas on the subject of which, however open must I be to the criticism.

time I have a very interesting audience. I propose to repeat it as a popular lecture - (and it was in fact that) in the fall in Philadelphia unless Wilson finds some better audience, you perhaps. we are likely, through the death of Dr. College, certainly wants to be a hundred thousand dollars, and in twice that, in tales predicted to be sold. I do not like attention so to even tremble in difficulties and now my son John is bothered by people who want to publish his and pictures of authors for whom nobody car to buy.

The intelligent writers we regard to Dray Osler who

Bar Harbor, Maine.

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I WAS SURPRISED TO FIND THE TOYAL COLLEGE IN
NEW YORK DECIDED TO STAY OVER. AND I TALKED WITH
JOSEPH IN THIS WAY, SAYING THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF
EDINBURGH, EXCEPT AFTER COMMUNICATING.

MR. MICHAIL IS TAKING OVER THE LONG BLACK ONE
OF PITS, IN FACT, LEGS, WHICH HE HAS, BUT I SAW IT IN THE
CABIN, AND THE TWO SPYGLASS, WHICH ^{WILL} ~~EVERY~~ BE USED
TO SEE HOW THE OTHER WILL HAVE TO DOES EXACTLY DURING
THESE PRACTICAL USES. DURING ONE OF THESE, HE WOULD NOT
BE ABLE TO USE IT.

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I do not see how his plans are to be worked out, except in rare cases.

I am writing a brief memoir of Phillips for the National Academy and because the thing has been done over and over again, I find it difficult to be freshly interesting. Garrison is to write his life and the material, I think, is competently sufficient.

By the by, I wrote to Robert Bridges, the poet Laureate, and sending letter to that I did not tell his address, Yattonmoor, Bovey Tracey, I may have gone astray. I sent him also a little book of mine. Now I see that he is living near Oxford and if you should see him, you would perhaps suggest a copy of the small collection. His appointment was given

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I need not say still how my undiminished affection.

Yours faithfully,

C. Weir Mitchell

sir William Osler, Bart.,

13 Norham Gardens

Oxford, England.

August fourteenth, 1913.

you would perhaps take up the train of the
communication in your own words given

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